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CONCORD MAN'S \$513,608 "CAROLINA CASH 5" WINNINGS WILL GO TOWARD CHARITY AND RETIREMENT

RALEIGH-Mike Koontz of **Concord** plans to put his recent "Carolina Cash 5" winnings aside for a rainy day, as well as give some of the money to his church and charities. Koontz won \$513,608 playing the five-digit game when his ticket for the Nov. 29 drawing matched all five numbers drawn.

Koontz, who is semi-retired, says he was at his office when he decided to check his numbers online. When he saw that all five numbers matched, he says he had to call his secretary into his office to verify that what he was seeing was real. Koontz purchased his winning ticket at the Church Street BP on North Church Street in Concord.

In last night's Powerball drawing, two tickets matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball. The normal payout for this combination is \$10,000; however one of the tickets was Power Played and is worth \$50,000 since the Power Play multiplier was five for the drawing. This ticket was sold at Dunn's Convenient Mart on Wilson's Mills Road in **Smithfield**. The other ticket that matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball is worth \$10,000 and was sold at Lowes Foods on Apex Peakway in **Apex**.

A total of 34,871 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes in the Wednesday, Dec. 3 Powerball drawing, ranging from \$50,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$426,506. No one matched all five white balls plus the Powerball to win the jackpot, so the jackpot for the Saturday, Dec. 6 Powerball drawing is an estimated \$30 million.

The North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) has paid out more than \$4.1 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Monday, Dec. 1. Also since Monday, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won more than \$98,000 and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won more than \$746,000 in prizes.

Winners in the Dec. 3 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Unknown		\$50,000	Dunn's Convenient Mart 214 Wilson's Mills Rd., Smithfield
Unknown		\$10,000	Lowes Foods 5400 Apex Peakway, Apex

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Winner in the Nov. 29 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Mike Koontz	Concord	\$513,608	Church Street BP 660 Church Street N., Concord

Winners in the Nov. 29 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Minnie Robinson	Williamsburg	\$10,000	Food Lion 1515 Eringhaus St., Elizabeth City

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Brandon Gray	LaGrange	\$70,000	"Dazzlin' Diamond 7's"
Steven Hodge	East Bend	\$30,000	"Cash Corner Bingo"
Paul Byrne	Greenville, SC	\$10,000	"Double Your Luck"
Anthony Holmes	Fayetteville	\$10,000	"Super Gold"
Darlene MacQuaide	Fayetteville	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Robert Reed	Arden	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
James Smith	Pine Hall	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Latoya Terry	Warrenton	\$10,000	"Winning Fever"
Arnulfo Torres	Asheboro	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Nadine Ryles	Fuquay-Varina	\$7,000	"Super 7's"
Chareeka Mitchell	Sharpsburg	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Kenneth Owens	Lenoir	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Bharat Patel	Laurinburg	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Richard Thomas	Roseboro	\$5,000	"Jingle Big Ol' Bucks"
Timothy Johnson & Tanzie Smith	Lumberton	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"

"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	162

Powerball Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$2 Million - \$200,000	131
\$100,000 - \$10,000	729

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006,
but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and need-based college scholarships.